



Environmental Public Health Tracking Making the connection between health and environment

Vermont Tracking Quarterly News & Updates

There have been some exciting things happening for the Vermont Tracking Program. The Blue-Green Algae Tracker was the focus of a new CDC video, we created a new web application that maps social vulnerability in Vermont, and with the help of data stewards from Vermont's [Cancer Registry](#), [Vital Records](#), and the [Department of Environmental Conservation](#), we added new data to the Tracking portal.

Tracking in Action

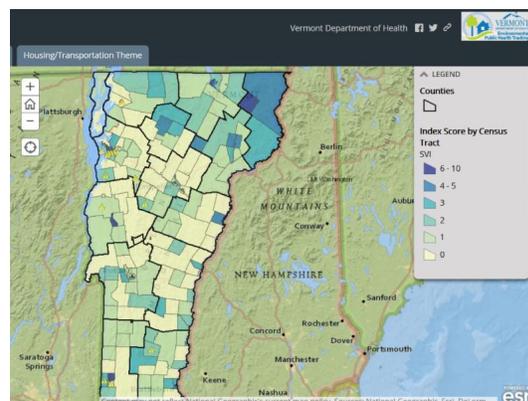
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) visited us in August to film a video on the Vermont Blue-Green Algae Tracker. The [Tracking in Action video series](#) highlights how tracking programs across the country make important, lasting contributions to the health of their communities. The [Blue-Green Algae Tracker](#) was highlighted for its success in using crowd-sourced data, bringing together partners across state agencies and organizations, and providing an information platform that helps improve public health. Check it out!



[Vermont Tracking in Action Video - Blue-Green Algae Tracker](#)

Social Vulnerability Index

A community's social and economic characteristics (poverty, education, age, etc.) can influence its ability to respond to environmental and public health hazards. The [Vermont Social Vulnerability Index](#) is a new planning tool that can be used to identify populations that may need more help in the event of an environmental or public health emergency.

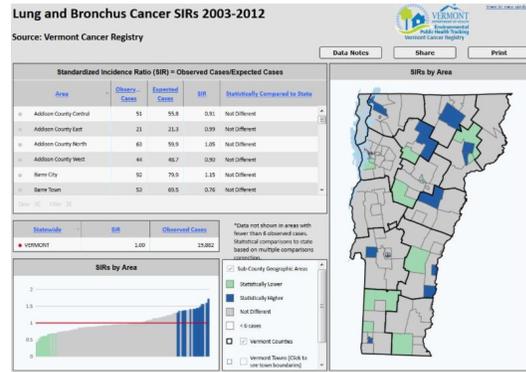


[Vermont Social Vulnerability Index](#)

Portal Updates

New annual data was added for [public community drinking water supply](#) (2014), [cancer](#) (2012), and [reproductive health / birth outcomes](#) (2012, 2013) reports.

New time periods were added for [cancer](#) (2008 - 2012) and [sub-county level cancer](#) (2003 - 2012) reports.



[Reproductive health / birth outcomes](#) reports now have an added time series chart, updated annual data for 2010 & 2011, and are Apple device (Safari, iOS) compatible.

[Vermont Tracking Data Portal](#)

About Vermont Tracking

Vermont is one of 25 states and one city funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to develop a state and national tracking network of environmental and health data for the public, policy makers, researchers, and agencies. The [VT Environmental Public Health Tracking portal](#) provides these data in maps, charts, and tables as a part of the State's continuing effort to help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health. Topics include air quality, climate change, public and private drinking water, asthma, birth defects, cancer, carbon monoxide, heart attack, childhood lead poisoning, reproductive health, blue-green algae, and radon.



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